

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-19, 21-28, 31, 32, 34, 36, and 39-54 are pending. Claims 1, 10, 18, 23, 25, 34, 42, 43, 44, 46, 52, 53, and 54 are in independent form.

In the action mailed November 16, 2006, claims 18, 19, 21, 22, and 32 were allowed and claims 2, 3, 5-8, 12-15, 24, 26, 27, and 33-38 were indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. The indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

In response thereto, and in order to advance prosecution:
-claim 1 has been amended to recite subject matter drawn from allowable claim 33 and claim 33 has, in turn, been canceled;

-claim 10 has been amended to recite subject matter drawn from allowable claim 35 and claim 35 has, in turn, been canceled;

-claim 23 has been amended to recite subject matter drawn from allowable claim 37 and claim 37 has, in turn, been canceled;

-claim 25 has been amended to recite subject matter drawn from allowable claim 38 and claim 38 has, in turn, been canceled;

-new claim 39 has been added to recite subject matter drawn from claim 1 and allowable claim 2;

-new claim 42 has been added to recite subject matter drawn from claim 1 and allowable claim 5;

-new claim 43 has been added to recite subject matter drawn from claim 1 and allowable claim 6;

-new claim 43 has been added to recite subject matter drawn from claim 1 and allowable claim 7;

-new claim 46 has been added to recite subject matter drawn from claim 10 and allowable claim 12;

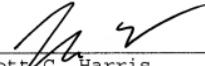
-new claim 52 has been added to recite subject matter drawn from claim 23 and allowable claim 24;

-new claim 53 has been added to recite subject matter drawn from claim 25 and allowable claim 26;

new claim 54 has been added to recite subject matter drawn from claim 25 and allowable claim 27.

Thus, the application is in condition for allowance.
Please apply the excess claims fees, along with any other credits or charges, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,



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